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MAYOR AND COUNCIL ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND Meeting No. 15-89

April 11, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Workession in the Boards and Commissions Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, April 11, 1989, at 7:30 p.m.

## PRESENT

## Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Stephen Abrams

Councilmember James Coyle

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, Assistant City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Sharon Gran.

> Re: Worksession with

> > Science and Technology

Commission

John Evans, Chairperson of the Science and Technology Commission, gave an overview of previous Commission activities, and he and members of the Commission discussed the following items with the Mayor and Council:

- 1. Holladay-Tyler pollution abatement. Holladay-Tyler has moved their printing plant out of the City, and the issue is now closed. However, as an outgrowth of Holladay-Tyler, the Commission reviewed the application for a new printing plant in Gude Park, and their pollution abatement was state of the art.
- 2. Hazardous Materials. Public education regarding chemicals in the community was discussed as well as what the City can do in cooperation with the County in this area. While Hazardous Materials Clean-up Day was successful last year, the

public needs to know what to do the other days of the year. Mr. Evans noted that through EPA/NIH database, the Commission will have access to 60 databases to identify and evaluate chemicals in the community.

- 3. Rockville Science Center. Sheila Marshall is in the process of initiating a Science Center in Rockville. More information on this and plans for a Science Day at Montgomery College either next fall or spring will be forthcoming.
- 4. Future directions for Commission. Commission members noted that they would prefer to move in the direction of technological rather than environmental issues. Mayor Duncan noted that perhaps the Commission could do a review of energy issues--what was done in the past and how the City has improved. Mayor Duncan also stated that he would send a letter to the chairpersons of the other Boards and Commissions offering the services of the Science and Technology Commission to advise on technological and environmental issues.
- 5. Recycling yard waste. The pilot yard waste composting program was recently initiated as a joint effort with Montgomery County. The Commission will receive a presentation on this issue, and Mayor Duncan requested that they review the project and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

Re: Worksession with Rockville Sister City, Inc.

Marilyn Freeland, President of Rockville Sister City, Inc. gave a brief overview of the corporation's current status. Reports were given by members in the following areas:

- 1. Memberships.
- 2. Student Exchange. Fourteen students from Wootton and seven from Richard Montgomery will be going to Pinneberg in June and will be hosted by students who previously visted Rockville. The Board of Education has given permission for

Rockville to host three students from Pinneberg on an annual basis free of tuition.

- 3. Rockville Concert Band. The Rockville Concert Band will be visiting Pinneberg in July.
- 4. Oktoberfest. Preparations were discussed for a program similar to last year's, and it was noted by Brigitta Mullican that volunteer help is needed.
- 5. City staff/business exchange. Mayor Duncan requested that the City of Rockville take the lead in the City staff exchange. Mrs. Freeland noted that Sister Cities, Inc. is located in Alexandria and would be available to help. She also noted that Pinneberg was very interested in having someone with a background in planning and that grants are available for such exchanges.
- 6. News exchange. There is currently underway a plan to put articles in the respective newspapers of each city. <u>Rockville Reports</u> will feature general public information between citizens of the cities on a quarterly basis.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Worksession, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m., to convene in Worksession on Tuesday, April 18, 1989, at 7:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.